CALL FOR PAPERS

Data Quality in VA Databases

The VA Information Resource Center (VIReC) invites abstracts for potential publication as original research manuscripts in a single-topic issue of *The Journal of Rehabilitation Research & Development (JRRD)*. The issue will focus on data quality in VA and non-VA databases used for research on veterans. Common themes related to data quality include but are not limited to completeness, reliability, accuracy, timeliness, utility for research, and data quality issues arising from using combined VA and non-VA databases.

Interested persons should submit an abstract of the proposed manuscript via e-mail to Arika.Owens@va.gov by April 20, 2009. Include "Data Quality Abstract" in the subject line.

Abstracts will be reviewed for thematic relevance and abstract guideline adherence. Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit the entire manuscript, per *JRRD* guidelines, available at http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/jourindx.html. Submitted manuscripts will undergo the standard peer review process by *JRRD* editors and peer referees as defined by *JRRD* policy.

Abstract Guidelines

- Submissions must represent authors' own work.

- Research Abstracts should be structured—Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion.

- Abstracts should consist of a maximum of 400 words, include text only (tables, graphs, and graphics should not be included), and contain sufficient information to represent the proposed manuscript.

- The discussion should include implications for research and veteran healthcare.

- Abstracts must include all coauthors' names and affiliations.

Important Dates

- Abstract submissions close on April 20, 2009.

- Authors of selected submissions will be notified via e-mail by June 1, 2009.

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